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THIS IS APRELIMINARY OAK CABLE BASED ON PHOTOGRAPHY FROM KH-4 MISSION 1043-1, DATED 8-14 AUGUST 1967. PART I REPORTS ON HIGH INTEREST TARGETS OBSERVED IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA, PART 2 ON CHINA SOUTH OF 32 DEGREES NORTH AND NORTH VIETNAM, AND PART 3 ON OTHER TARGETS, PRIMARILY IN THE USSR. ANALYSIS IS CONTINUING. PART 1.

1. EGYPT JORDAN, AND WESTERN SYRIA ARE IMAGED ON 4 PASSES OF PHOTOGRAPHY OF POOR-TO-FAIR INTERPRETABILITY ON 8, 9, 10, AND 11 AUGUST. UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY, POSSIBLY LARGE VEHICLES OR REVENMENTS, IS OBSERVED 25 NM NNE OF CAIRO, EGYPT, AT 30-06N 31-44E, AND VEHICLE AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED 40 NM NNE OF CAIRO AT 30-10N 31-59E.

AIR ORDER OF BATTLE APPEARS TO BE NORMAL TO LOW THROUGHOUT THE MIDDLE EAST; HOWEVER, SMALL SCALE FAILS TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE ACCURATE DATA. AT NEW VALLEY AIRFIELD IN EGYPT, THE RUNWAY IS BEING EXTENDED FROM 5,000 FEET TO APPROXIMATELY 8,200 FEET, PLUS A TOTAL OF 800 FEET OF OVERUN.

2. PHOTOGRAPHY OF POOR INTERPRETABILITY PREVENTS ALL VESSEL IDENTIFICATION. AL LATAQIYAH PORT CONTAINS 3 LARGE PROBABLE COMBATANTS. THIS IS THE FIRST OBSERVATION OF LARGE COMBATANTS. THE NAVAL BASE BERTHING AREA IS CLOUD COVERED.

AL ISHKANDARIYAH PORT APPEARS TO CONTAIN NORMAL ORDER OF BATTLE.

BUR SAID PORT HAS 3 LARGE COMBATANTS AND AT LEAST 1 PROBABLE SUNKEN VESSEL IS IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE PORT.

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THE PASSENGER VESSEL CAPSIZED SOUTH OF PORT SAID IS STILL BLOCKING THE CANAL. IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS, PROBABLE MARKER BUOYS INDICATE OTHER SUEZ CANAL OBSTRUCTIONS.

3. ALL 37 KNOWN SA-2 SAM SITES AND THE 6 KNOWN SAM SUPPORT FACILITIES IN EGYPT ARE COVERED. PRELIMINARY READOUT REVEALS 9 SAM SITES ARE OCCUPIED., 3 ARE PROBABLY/POSSIBLY OCCUPIED, 4 ARE UNOCCUPIED, 7 ARE OF UNDETERMINED OCCUPANCY, AND 14 CAN BE IDENTIFIED ONLY. OF THE SAM SUPPORT FACILITIES, 2 ARE OCCUPIED, 1 IS OF UNDETERMINED OCCUPANCY, AND 3 CAN BE IDENTIFIED ONLY

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5. SMALL SCALE PRECLUDES IDENTIFICATION OF INDICATIONS OF CW ACTIVITY IN EGYPT. NO INCREASE IN OPEN STORAGE OR SECURITY IS OBSERVED AT THE AL QAHIRAH MUNITIONS PLANT HUKSTEP 81.

6. IN ALGERIA, AIRCRAFT ARE OBSERVED AT 5 OF THE 16 HIGH PRIORITY AIRFIELDS IMAGED ON THIS MISSION. AIRCRAFT COUNTS AT OUARGLA AIRFIELD HAVE DECLINED FROM THE 66 FRESCO (MIG-19) AIRCRAFT REPORTED [REDACTED] TO 27 SMALL SWEEP-WING AIRCRAFT. ONE SMALL SWEEP-WING, 4 POSSIBLE SMALL SWEEP-WING AND 9 LIGHT STRAIGHT-

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WING AIRCRAFT ARE DISCERNIBLE AT PAUL CAZELLES AIRFIELD WHERE NO AIRCRAFT WERE REPORTED [REDACTED] AIR ORDER OF BATTLE IS NORMAL AT BOUFARIK, BLIDA, AND CONSTANTINE/AIN EL BEY AIRFIELDS. NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED IN ALGERIA.

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PART 2

1. PHOTOGRAPHY OF POOR-TO-FAIR INTERPRETABILITY OVER SOUTH CHINA IS APPROXIMATELY 60 PERCENT CLOUD COVERED. THE SHANG-HAI/TA-CHANG AIRFIELD IS BEING RESURFACED AND THE NNW/SSE RUNWAY IS BEING EXTENDED 545 FEET, TO A NEW LENGTH OF 7,150 FEET. NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT CHANGES OR ACTIVITY IS DISCERNIBLE. NO EVIDENCE OF ARMOR OR HEAVY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED. NO INDICATION OF ANY INTERRUPTION OF CIVIL TRANSPORTATION IS NOTED.

2. NORTH VIETNAM IS 95 PERCENT COVERED ON PHOTOGRAPHY WITH 50 PERCENT CLOUD COVER ON 8 AND 9 AUGUST 1967. A SEARCH OF CLOUD-FREE AREAS REVEALS NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY. OF THE 200 KNOWN SA-2 SAM SITES, 70 ARE OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS. THUS FAR, NO NEW SAM INSTALLATIONS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED. THE SEARCH IS CONTINUING.

PART 3

1. ELEVEN OF THE 25 KNOWN DEPLOYED ICBM COMPLEXES ARE OBSERVED ON THIS MISSION. ONLY TATISHCHEVO IS CLEAR. NOVOSIBIRSK, ITATKA, ALEYSK, TYUMEN, UZHUR, AND TEYKOVO ARE OBSCURED BY SCATTERED CLOUDS, AND HEAVY CLOUDS HINDER INTERPRETATION OF OLOVYANNAYA, GLADKAYA, IMENI GASTELLO, AND KOSTROMA. THE PLESETSK MISSILE AND SPACE CENTER, NOW INCLUDED IN THE COUNT OF 25 ICBM COMPLEXES, IS COMPLETELY CLOUD COVERED. SEVEN TYPE IIID SITES, INCLUDING ONE POSSIBLE, ARE NEWLY IDENTIFIED. SIX OF THESE, INCLUDING A CONTROL SITE, MAKE UP THE EIGHTH SITE IN LAUNCH GROUP L AT TATISHCHEVO. POSSIBLE SITE 145L AT TATISHCHEVO IS NO LONGER CONSIDERED VALID AND IS DROPPED FROM NPIC LISTINGS. THE NEW POSSIBLE SITE, AT OLOVYANNAYA, IS THE SIXTH SITE IN LAUNCH GROUP L.

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2. THE ENTIRE TYURATAM MISSILE TEST CENTER, USSR, IS OBSERVED THROUGH SCATTERED CLOUD COVER ON PHOTOGRAPHY OF FAIR-TO-GOOD INTERPRETABILITY. NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED.

3. THE KAPUSTIN YAR/VLADIMIROVKA MISSILE TEST CENTER, USSR, IS NOT COVERED.

4. ONLY 3 OF THE 7 ABM LAUNCH COMPLEXES AT MOSCOW ARE OBSERVED THROUGH SCATTERED-TO-HEAVY CLOUDS AND HAZE. POSSIBLE GALOSH LAUNCHERS/ERECTORS ARE OBSERVED THROUGH HEAVY CLOUDS AT MOSCOW ABM LAUNCH COMPLEX E05. E03 IS OBSERVED THROUGH SCATTERED CLOUDS AND E15 IS IDENTIFIED ONLY.

5. OF THE 42 PROBABLE LONG RANGE SAM LAUNCH COMPLEXES, INCLUDING THE SUSPECT COMPLEX AT PYATIGORSK, ONLY 10 ARE OBSERVED. CHEREPOVETS, VOLGOGRAD, TOMSK, KRASNOYARSK, BORSHCHEV, TYURATAM, BEREZNIKI, AND KIYEV ARE OBSERVED ON CLEAR PHOTOGRAPHY. KIMRY, MINSK, AND PERESLAVL-ZALESSKIY ARE PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY HAZE OR HEAVY CLOUDS. MAJOR CHANGES OBSERVED ARE AS FOLLOWS: AT BORSHCHEV, THE NUMBER OF LAUNCH SITES HAS INCREASED FROM ONE TO THREE AND SCARRING

IS VISIBLE IN THE TRACKING/GUIDANCE AREA. THE AZIMUTH IS DETERMINED [REDACTED] ALL PRINCIPLE COMPONENTS AT MINSK ARE NOW OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION, INCLUDING THREE LAUNCH SITES, THE MISSILE HANDLING FACILITY, AND THE TRACKING/GUIDANCE FACILITY.

6. THE SARY-SHAGAN ANTIMISSILE TEST CENTER, USSR, IS OBSERVED THROUGH SCATTERED CLOUDS.

7. THE SHUANG-CHENG-TZU MISSILE TEST CENTER, CHINA, IS COMPLETELY COVERED ON CLEAR, STEREO PHOTOGRAPHY. AT LAUNCH COMPLEX B, A SEGMENT OF THE RAIL SPUR SERVING THE COMPLEX HAS BEEN REMOVED JUST NORTHEAST OF THE RAIL-TO-GANTRY TRANSFER POINT AND A LARGE EXCAVATION, APPROXIMATELY 200 BY 100 FEET, HAS BEEN DUG AT THIS LOCATION [REDACTED] A NEW RAIL SPUR BRANCHES WEST OFF THE EXISTING SPUR AND IS COMPLETE TO A POINT JUST NORTHWEST OF THE EXCAVATION. PRELIMINARY RAILBED GRADING EXTENDS TO AN AREA JUST WEST OF THE CONTROL BUNKER. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IS NOTED IN THE SAM LAUNCH COMPLEX.

8. TWO SA-2 SAM SITES ARE NEWLY IDENTIFIED. ONE IS 7.0 NM [REDACTED] CHINA, AT 40-13N 097-12E (DESIGNATED B33-2), AND THE SECOND IS 15.3 NM SW OF SARY-SHAGAN, USSR, AT 45-54N 073-25E, JUST WEST OF THE LARGE DIRT STRIP. THE GROZNY SAM SITE B26-2, USSR, NOW CONTAINS AN AUGMENTED LOOP ROAD.

9. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES ARE OBSERVED IN AIR ORDER OF BATTLE.

10. THE NORTH SEA FLEET AND VLADIVOSTOK AREAS ARE CLOUD COVERED. AT KOMSOMOLSK SHIPYARD 199, OBSERVATION IS MARGINAL; HOWEVER, THE LAUNCH BASIN IS FLOODED. GORKIY SHIPYARD 112 IS OBSERVED ON NON-STEREO PHOTOGRAPHY. TWO OF THE THREE TRANSPORTER DOCKS OBSERVED ON [REDACTED] HAVE NOW DEPARTED, WHETHER DESTINED FOR LENINGRAD, SEVERODVINSK OR SEVASTOPOL IS UNDETERMINED.

11. A SEARCH OF AVAILABLE COVERAGE IN THE CASPIAN SEA REVEALS THAT KASPIYSK CAN BE IDENTIFIED ONLY AND BAKU IS NOT COVERED. SCATTERED CLOUDS AND HEAVY CLOUDS PREVAIL. THE PROBABLE SURFACE EFFECTS SHIP IS NOT OBSERVED.

13. CLEAR, STEREO-COVERAGE OF THE CITY OF TASHKENT, USSR, REVEALS THAT OUT OF AN AREA OF 2.7 SQUARE MILES (45PERCENT) OF THE

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CENTER OF THE CITY, APPROXIMATELY 1.2 SQUARE MILES OF EARTHQUAKE
DAMAGED STRUCTURES HAVE BEEN RAZED AND THE LAND CLEARED OF DEBRIS.
NEW BUILDING CONSTRUCTION IS OBSERVED IN SOME CLEARED AREAS.

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16. A NEWLY IDENTIFIED TROPOSCATTER FACILITY IS 2.5 NM NE OF
PENZHINO, USSR, AT 63-33-00N 168-04-00E. THE FACILITY CONSISTS OF
2 CONTROL/SUPPORT BUILDINGS AND FOOTINGS FOR AT LEAST 2 PAIRS OF
TYPE II TROPOSCATTER ANTENNAS. THIS FACILITY IS MIDWAY BETWEEN
THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TROPOSCATTER FACILITIES LOCATED AT MAROKOVO
AND KAMENSKOYE, USSR.

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